The National Association of Social Workers has designated March as National Professional Social Work Month.

The Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family services employs nearly 4,000 social workers who work diligently to keep children safe, strengthen families, promote permanency, and enhance self-sufficiency for youth.

In partnership with the community and the hundreds of secretaries, clerks, and aides that provide them support, these social workers serve over 35,000 children every day, and last year reunified about 6,000 children with their parents and helped finalize over 1,300 adoptions.

In the face of sometimes daunting odds, our social workers maintain their resolve to better the lives of children.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim the month of March 2012 as "National Professional Social Work Month" throughout Los Angeles County, and all residents are encouraged to recognize the good work done by our social workers, and congratulate them for their outstanding service and commitment to improving the lives of the children and families of Los Angeles County.

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